City of Anniston, AL Biweekly News & Events Update February 25, 2022



City News & Notes

• We Are More! We Are Anniston!

 Anniston is full of history and monumental moments in time, we are more than our past. We are the dreams of our ancestors and the inspirations of our future. We believe in the rising generation because we have grown past what we used to be. We are Anniston, and We Are More! You can watch our new city-wide video here: https://bit.ly/3Hm0DN7

• Emergency Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday | Starts TODAY!

Be sure to capitalize on this sales tax holiday which will run from O2/25/22 until O2/27/22! Tax Exempt items include: Phone charges, batteries, plywood, radios, smoke detectors, duct tape and more! For a full list of eligible items, please click here: https://bit.ly/3ICSqpn

• Main Street Anniston | Reimbursement Grants Available!

Main Street Anniston and the DDA have partnered to establish the Downtown Anniston Reimbursement Grant
program for (1) For-Profit Businesses, (2) Nonprofit Corporations, and (3) Private Citizens within the defined
boundaries of the Downtown Anniston Historic District and Anniston's West 15th Historic District. Maximum
reimbursement request amount is \$10,000 per applicant. For more details and to apply, visit: https://bit.ly/3HjUG31.

Anniston Changers | Home Repair Applications | Now Available Online!

- The Anniston Changers are proud to announce their 2nd Round of grant opportunities from the City of Anniston Fund. Grant applications focus on residential property repairs that correct a health or safety hazard and may be up to \$1,000!
 - Link to Application: https://bit.ly/3flX7AU
 - **Note**: Scroll to the bottom and click "APPLY HERE." You will need to make an online account with the Community Foundation to apply.

• PARD Spring Sports Registration | Ends Feb. 28th!

• Get your little one signed up for our fun slate of Spring sports hosted by our Parks & Rec. Department! Registration will run from Jan. 17th until Feb. 28th! This year, we are offering the following youth sports: TOT Soccer, Youth Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball, Swim Team, Track & Field! For more information on any sport, please contact the City's Athletic Director, Darren Spruill, at: 256-820-3860 and/or dspruill@annistonal.gov.

• Pickleball is now at the Anniston Aquatic Center & Hodges Center!

- **DETAILS**: Pickleball is now available at the Anniston Aquatic & Fitness Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM! It will also be available at the Norwood Hodges Community Center soon, with courts to be complete by mid-March!
 - WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays | 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM!
 - WHERE: Anniston Aquatic & Fitness Center (130 Summerall Gate Rd, Anniston, AL 36205)
 - LINK: https://bit.ly/3GtY8bd

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Applications Open!

DETAILS: Applications are now open for the 2022 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program! If you or any eligible
Calhoun County senior (age 60 or older) in your life is interested in this program sponsored by the Alabama
Farmers Market Authority, click this link: http://www.fma.alabama.gov/. Vouchers are redeemable at The
Downtown Anniston Market for fresh produce or can be redeemed at ANY certified farmers market or farm stand
in our state!

• <u>United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program! | VITA</u>

- Have you received your W2 and need your taxes filed? Let United Way of East Central Alabama's IRS trained volunteers assist you! Their volunteers will be available until April 15 at three locations to assist you!
 - More Information: <u>www.uweca.org/vita</u>



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City Wide Events

Anniston Changers at Blue Mountain | 02/26/22

- **DETAILS**: On Saturday, February 26th, we ask that you come and volunteer with us to clean-up the Blue Mountain community from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM! Volunteers may register at this link: https://bit.ly/3LszF9P.
 - WHEN: Saturday, February 26th | 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM
 - WHERE: 20 W. Blue Mountain Road, Anniston, AL 36201 (Blue Mountain Industries)
 - LINK: https://bit.ly/3pcO5RZ

• McClellan Madness: 4 HR/8 HR Run! | 03/05/22

- **DETAILS**: Come to the McClellan Bike Trails on 03/05/22 to join in on this fun run being presented by Dirty Soles Trail Racing! Registration will close on 03/01/22 so don't miss out!
 - WHEN: Saturday, March 5th | Starting at 8:00 AM
 - WHERE: McClellan Bike Trails (460 BG DH Stem Ave, Anniston, AL 36205)
 - LINK: https://bit.ly/3JZ2aum

Youth Summer Job Fair | 03/09/22

- **DETAILS**: The Youth Summer Job Fair will be held at the Carver Center on Wednesday, March 9th starting at 5:00 PM! In addition to the positions below, tips on completing job applications and preparing for interviews will also be given! The following positions will be available for youth, ages 16 to college age, at this job fair: Camp Director, Camp Counselor, Lifeguard, & Turf Care Worker. For more information, please contact our Parks & Recreation Department at: 256-236-8221.
 - WHEN: Wednesday, March 9th | Starting at 5:00 PM
 - WHERE: Carver Community Center (720 W. 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201)
 - LINK: https://bit.ly/33R0aES

• Anniston City Schools Job Fair | 03/31/22

- **DETAILS**: The Anniston City School System will be hiring on the spot on Thursday, March 31, 2022 in the Anniston High School Gymnasium from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM for many great educational positions!
 - WHEN: Thursday, March 31st | 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
 - WHERE: Anniston High School Gymnasium (1301 Woodstock Ave, Anniston, AL 36207)
 - LINK: https://bit.ly/3HgwOxf

Spring Break Camps | City Community Centers | 03/11/22

- **DETAILS**: We are currently accepting registrants for our Spring Break Camps at participating community centers! Registration will be open until 03/11/22. These Camps will run from March 21st until March 25th and will be filled with all sorts of fun activities!
 - WHEN: March 21st March 25th | Register by March 11th

Swim Classes at the Aquatic Center! | Start 03/01/22

- **DETAILS**: The Anniston Aquatic & Fitness Center will be hosting Swim Classes twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting March 1, 2022! AGE RANGES & TIMES: 6 months to 3 years 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM...4 years to 6 years 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM...7 years and older 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. For more information, call the Aquatic Center at: 256-820-3860!
 - WHEN: Starting, March 1st | 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM
 - WHERE: Anniston Aquatic & Fitness Center (130 Summerall Gate Rd, Anniston, AL 36205)
 - LINK: https://bit.ly/3ICHubj

• Shamrockin' 5K Color Run & Walk | 03/19/22

- **DETAILS**: Join Main Street Anniston as we bring back the Shamrockin' 5K Color Run & Walk! Participants will make their way through color stations as they progress through the race. First 50 registrations receive an event t-shirt and swag bag! For more information, please contact Karla Eden at: 256-371-3711.
 - WHEN: March 19, 2022 | 9:00 AM 12:00 PM
 - WHERE: Zinn Park (101 W 14th St, Anniston, AL 36201)
 - LINK: https://bit.ly/3GQ2xGl